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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants kindly request that the above-identified application be amended prior to examination as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 12 without prejudice.

Kindly amend the claims to read as follows:

C1 1. A soluble film preparation for oral administration comprising a drug, an edible polymer and a monosaccharide or an oligosaccharide, wherein the film is obtained by spreading and drying and has an elution rate of more than about 50% per 10 minutes and the drug is a compound enhanced in internal absorption by forming a solid solution with the edible polymer.

C2 4. The soluble film preparation according to claim 1, in which the compound is at least one of nilvadipine, nifedipine, phenytoin, chloramphenicol, griseofulvin, or sulfamethizole.